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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the reference which is listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 and a copy of which is attached. Citation of this reference is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing hereof.

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